

(5) what is the reason for not considering the desirability of locating the proposed hospital near the existing Medical Institutions in Mattancheri?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) The award relating to the acquisition of sites for the hospital has been accepted by the Diwan.

(2) About six furlongs to the south.

(3) Yes ; but also vide answer to sub-division (5) below.

(4) Rs. 15,000 in 1106 original budget. The balance of Rs. 8,615 required under the award has just been sanctioned.

(5) The cost of acquisition of sites near the existing Medical Institutions is prohibitive.

Bhoothamkulam Toddy-shop.

440. Mr V. Achyuta Menon.—With regard to the statement of certain Muslims of Irinjalakkuda regarding shifting of the Bhoothamkulam toddy shop No. 155 of Irinjalakkuda referred to on 4th Kumbham 1106 by the Hon'ble Member for Excise in his reply to a cut motion tabled by the Member for Irinjalakkuda, will the Government be pleased to inform this House :—

(a) when and by whom the statement in question was recorded and by how many persons it was signed ;

(b) what the age, occupation, position in society and educational qualifications of each of those from whom the statement was taken are ;

(c) for what purpose and under what circumstances it was recorded ;

(d) whether the following extract from a letter of 14th Kumbham 1106 addressed to the Irinjalakkuda Member by one Mr. K. M. Bava, General Merchant, Irinjalakkuda, is a faithful description of the circumstances under which it was recorded and if it is not in what respects :—

“കഴിഞ്ഞ മകരം ൨ ചു ൨൦൦൯ സാറട്ട ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ അവർക്കു വന്ന നിങ്ങൾ എല്ലാവരുംകൂടി എനിക്കു ഒരു സ്റ്റേറ്റ്മെണ്ടു തരണം. എങ്ങിനെ എന്നാൽ ഇക്കൊല്ലം ഷാപ്പു ഇരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു ഇരിക്കുന്നതിനും വരുന്ന കൊല്ലത്തേക്കു ഒരു വാറു പടിഞ്ഞാട്ടേക്കു നീക്കി തരണമെന്നും പറഞ്ഞു. അതിന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്കു സമ്മതമില്ലെന്നും പറഞ്ഞു. അപ്പോൾ ചില സ്കൂൾകുട്ടികളെക്കൊണ്ടു ഈ വാറു സ്റ്റേറ്റ്മെണ്ടു എഴുതി പ്രസിദ്ധിച്ചുവെട്ടുണ്ടു.”

(e) whether a petition on the subject has been received by Government since the above statement was recorded and if it has been, how it has been disposed of ;

(f) for how many years the Muslims of Irinjalakkuda have been agitating for the removal from their neighbourhood of Bhoothamkulam toddy shop No. 155 ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The statement was recorded by the Mukundapuram Inspector on 28th Makaram 1106 and was signed by the Secretary and five other members of the Young Men's Muslim Association.

(b) They are between 20 and 25 years of age. Many of them are students of the local High School. All the Muslims in the locality including the signatories to the statement being very poor, do not hold any high position in life. The signatories are, the members of the Young Men's Muslim Association, which has put in the complaint regarding the location of the shop in question.

(c) The statement was recorded in connection with the enquiry into the complaint made by the President of the above Association regarding the location of the shop. It was given when they were satisfied that it was not possible to remove the shop to an unobjectionable site within its boundary.

(d) No. The site for the location of the shop for 1107 referred to in the question was selected with the approval of the members of the Association after a joint inspection of the said site by the Inspector and the signatories to the statement. The statement was also voluntarily given by them.

(e) Yes, it has been decided to abolish the shop next year.

(f) They have been agitating for the removal of the shop from the present site only from 18th Vrischigam 1106.

Chief Judge—Chief Court.

441. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that they intend to get down anybody from outside as the Chief Justice of our Chief Court;

if the answer is in the affirmative, will they be further pleased to state whether he is a *bona fide* Cochinite or not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The appointment of a Chief Justice is still under the consideration of Government and no decision has yet been reached. It is not therefore possible to make any statement at present.

Tarring main roads—Trichur Municipality.

442. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in tarring the main roads in the Trichur Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is no proposal to tar all the main roads in the Trichur Municipality. The proposal is only to tar the 'Round'. The estimate for this has been sanctioned and the work will be taken up this year.